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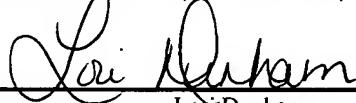
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### **RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in Response to the Final Office Action mailed on 22 August 2007. A request for suspension of action for a period of three (3) months pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) is being submitted with this Amendment and RCE.

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